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Sir:

The patents listed on the enclosed PTO Form-1449 are submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98. Copies of the documents are enclosed as necessary.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), no certification or fee is required.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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